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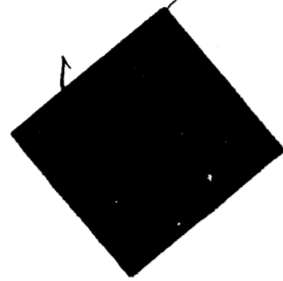
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Illegal immigration

Lord Sowerby
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Refs to E 7272 (E12389/7656/9)
Reports receipt of letters from State
Dept and summarises contents.
States that Honduran Ambassador
is being re-approached.

Dated 31 Dec
Received 2 Dec

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

E 12564/1656/9-46

References.

The Embassy at Washington have shown commendable zeal in the matter of this vessel, but I feel that they have not chosen an issue where we have a strong legal case. It does not appear that the ship is carrying Jewish illegal immigrants as such, but rather volunteers to take part in the organisation of the traffic. Such volunteers very likely do not intend to enter Palestine at all. Whereas our main locus standi in making representations to Governments about the departure of illegal immigrant vessels is that the passengers are not properly equipped with papers and visas of ultimate destination. To this extent the Embassy laid themselves open to the reply they have received from the State Department.

(Print.)

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Likewise, I do not see exactly on what grounds we can take the matter up with the Honduran Government. We can only say that a vessel under Honduran registry has left New York, carrying persons alleged to be about to organise the illegal immigrant traffic, i.e. to encourage Jews to break the immigration laws of Palestine. Perhaps the Legal Adviser would say whether he considers we have a case to take this matter up with the Government of Honduras as suggested by Washington.

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Legal Adviser's note

D. J. Burns

3rd January, 1947.

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As I understand it, this ship, flying the Honduran flag, is either in United States waters or at any rate miles away from Honduras. Supposing that we did make representations to the Honduran Government and supposing (which is a very large assumption) that the Honduran Government were anxious to do all they could to help us, what in fact could they do which would be any use to us? Clearly, if there is nothing they could do, it is no good making representations. Now, I cannot think of anything effective which they could do except just

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conceivably, but I think improbably, remove the vessel from the Honduranean register. But this really would not help very much. The ship would only be transferred on to some other register and we should be starting all over again.

I do not see any point in approaching this Gov

W. G. Bennett
4th January, 1947.

Off to Tegucigalpa.
(on E.319)

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*But see action on
E 319.*

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

In the light of our recent experience with the Panamanian Chargé d'Affaires in London, I wonder whether we should not re-consider the line taken in the minutes on E 72/48/G. Senor Morales is at present co-operating with us in removing the registry of Panamanian vessels known to be implicated in the illegal Jewish immigrant traffic. He has cancelled the registry of five vessels and we have put up another five to him for similar action. The cancellation of registry is not of course a final solution, since the organisers can take steps to secure another flag or may even possibly use an unrecognised flag like the Zionist emblem. Nevertheless, it is clear that the loss of flag means a considerable delay in the movement of any vessel and I am sure that this delay is valuable to us.

I would propose now to approach the Honduran Government with a request that they, in the same way as the Panamanian Government, should cancel the registry of vessels under Honduras flag known to be involved in this traffic. We have already raised the question of diverting the "Ulua" with the Honduran Government and received quite a friendly reply. I think there is a ~~hope~~ hope of getting the Honduran registry of various vessels cancelled.

*this is now
being done on
another paper
13 Mar 28*

J.G.S. Beith

(J.G.S. Beith)

17th March, 1947.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel. D. 12.25 a.m. 1st January, 1947,
No. 7378.

31st December, R. 5.52 a.m. 1st January, 1947.
1946.

Repeated to New York (Consul-General),
Jerusalem,
Panama,
Tegucigalpa.

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IMMEDIATE.

My telegram No. 7272. E/G

Reply has now been received from the State Department in the shape of a personal letter from Director of Office of Near Eastern Affairs. It says that careful thought has been given to the ways and means of meeting our wishes and goes on as follows.

"According to information available to the Department, it is understood that the ship in question is M.S. Abril of Honduran registry, which sailed from port of New York on December 26th for Marseilles. It was reported to have had no arms aboard although it did carry a generous store of life jackets, mess kit [?gps. omitted].

In the light of such evidence as Department was able to obtain, it did not appear that departure of this ship would represent a violation of American law. Consequently we had no legal grounds on which to take the action which you suggested in your aide-memoire of December 19th".

2. I am asking His Majesty's Consul-General New York to report urgently whether this is the same vessel or another.

3. I am returning to the charge with Honduran Ambassador (my telegram No. 7227 paragraph 3) but you will no doubt now consider the desirability of persuing the matter with the Honduran Government.

Foreign Office please repeat to Tegucigalpa as my telegram No. 3.

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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General
No. 4

D. 6.45 p.m. 3rd January, 1947

3rd January, 1947 R. 12.26 a.m. 4th January, 1947

Repeated to: Washington,
Jerusalem,
R.A.F. Station Grange over Sands,
Panama

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E/G

Washington telegram to you No. 7378 of December
31st paragraph 2.

Vessel previously observed by us (but never positively
identified by name) is no longer at its berth.

Foreign Office please pass Jerusalem and R.A.F.
Station Grange over Sands as my telegram No. 1.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office
for retransmission to Jerusalem and to Air Ministry for
repetition to R.A.F. Station Grange over Sands].

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 Dated 1 Jan
 Received 2 Jan

Palestine: illegal immigration
 Draft telegram to W'ion regarding
 U.S. attitude to illegal immigration
 and states that this ~~must~~
 encouragement must be prevented.

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Despatched 11.40 P.M.

Following from the S.O.S.

Draft

[Lord Inverchapel.]

Washington
Telegram

No: 35 Cypher.

Cabinet Dist.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

We have had a long discussion today on the question of Palestine, and you will already be aware of what has happened at the Basle Conference.

2. We are proceeding to try and get the Conference fixed for January 21st, but we have no information yet as to whether the Jews will attend or not. They appear to have rejected the advice of Mr. Byrnes and of everyone else, and the difficulty that has arisen is ~~this~~ that the whole control of the situation seems to have got into the hands of U.S. nationals.

3. We have considered the situation very carefully today, and the main point to which I want you to call Mr. Byrnes' attention ~~to~~ immediately is that advertisements have appeared in the American press soliciting large sums of money for the purpose of illegal immigration and the support of the underground resistance, which means terrorism in Palestine. I would like you to impress on him that we were handed this mandate from the League of Nations, ~~and now the United Nations~~, and we should be very reluctant

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[to allow a situation to arise where it can be shown]
 reluctant to have to report that the nationals of one affiliated nation have been allowed to supply money and power to prevent a mandatory Power - also ^{a member of} associated with the United Nations - from carrying out its obligations and duties. *[This would result in creating a difficult position which, in view of the intensity of the situation, has now arisen.]* This is the position which, in view of the intensity of the situation, has now arisen. ←

4. I am particularly anxious that under no circumstances will it be necessary for us to voice a complaint about the United States, and so produce a conflict of opinion or disturb Anglo-American relations; but I must ask that steps be taken to prevent this kind of action on the part of nationals of a friendly Power. *They* ~~we~~ cannot regard ~~them~~ as being Jews: they are United States nationals, like any other group in that country.

5. The Cabinet are very seriously disturbed about the whole position, and I should like Mr. Byrnes to advise us as to what steps he proposes to take to prevent this kind of thing, and to allow us - without interference from another Power - to carry out our duties and obligations under the mandate handed to us by the League of Nations.

6. *it is essential that steps be taken soon if we are to settle this matter of Palestine*
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to allow a situation to arise where it can be shown

Calculations from both of us

This would result in creating a difficult situation for both of us

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 35
1st January, 1947

D. 11.40 p.m. 1st January, 1947

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DEDIP SECRET

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2 JAN 1947

Registry Number E86/48/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No. M Robertson

Dated MANAGUA

Received in Registry 1. Savig
1. Jan 1947
2. Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Nicaraguan Vias.
Refers to tel 13 Savig (E10454/7656/31)
Gives list of regulations governing
the issue of Nicaraguan visas, gives list
of Consular Posts authorized to issue visas
after reference to Nicaraguan Ministry of
Foreign Affairs.

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FROM MANAGUA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Robertson.
No. 1. Saving.

16th December 1946.

R. 5.25. p.m. 1st January 1947.

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2 JAN 1947

Repeated to The Hague,
Paris,
Prague,
Bucharest,
Budapest,
Moscow,
Warsaw,
Rome,
Belgrade,
Athens.

Saving.

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Your telegram No. 13 Saving.

Immigration visas for Nicaragua are granted by Nicaraguan Consuls abroad, who must first refer each case to Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval.

2. Applicants must be in possession of:-

- (a) Certificate of Identity,
- (b) Certificate of good conduct,
- (c) Certificate of health (general)
- (d) Passport.

issued by the authorities of their countries of origin and endorsed or visaed by Nicaraguan consuls.

3. Following are prohibited immigrants:-

- (a) persons suffering from chronic or contagious diseases,
- (b) persons suffering from mental or analogous diseases,
- (c) beggars, vagabonds, prostitutes,
- (d) persons who have been indicted or condemned in foreign countries of serious crimes,
- (e) persons dangerous to public morality or public order,
- (f) anarchists, those who advocate overthrow of established Government, or members of

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societies prohibited in Nicaragua,

- (g) persons of following races: Chinese, Turkish, Arab, Syrian, Armenian, Negro, Gyps, and "coolies" whatever their nationality,
- (h) any person over 80 years of age unless related to and accompanying an immigrant.

4. There are no special regulations in regard to the admittance of:-

- (i) Jews,
- (ii) Refugees,
- (iii) Stateless persons.

but since all applications must be referred as such, discrimination against these persons is possible and likely. Collective visas are not granted.

5. The following are the Nicaraguan Consular posts in Europe authorised to grant visas, after reference to the Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Affairs:-

Belgium	Consul	Brussels,
Denmark	"	Copenhagen,
France	Minister	Paris,
	Consul	Marseilles,
Greece	"	Athens,
Portugal	Minister	Lisbon,
Spain	Consul	Madrid,
	"	Barcelona,
	"	Bilbao,
	"	Cadiz (subordinate to Barcelona)
	"	Gerona,
	"	Gijon,
	"	Palma (Majorca)
	"	Sevilla,
	"	Vigo,
Sweden	Consul General	Stockholm,
Switzerland	Consul	Berne,
United Kingdom	"	London,
	Consul General	Liverpool.

6. The Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Affairs state that they will issue a circular to their consuls warning them of possibility that they may receive applications for visas from Jews who have no intention of coming to Nicaragua but intend to go to Palestine. I would

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observe, however, that although Nicaraguan consuls are required to refer every application for a visa of any kind to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nicaragua and to furnish the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a return of visas granted, it is conceivable that a consul, if he chose to be dishonest, might, for a consideration, be tempted to grant visas without referring or reporting having done so, especially if he knew that the passports on which he was granting the visas were to be destroyed upon the holders leaving the country of embarkation and that they would therefore never be presented to any control in Nicaragua.

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FROM P. G.
No. Marseilles
Dated FGKS/AL
Received in Registry 22 Dec 1946
3. Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration.

Inform that statement has been issued by Committee for Repatriation of Jewish Refugees to Palestine to effect that next illegal sailing will be accompanied by four well-known reporters, two U.S. Senators and a camera man to witness arrival in Palestine

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We have already seen this report. If I were a U.S. Senator I should find better things to do.

N.A. Dept.
News Dept.

15 Jan 3

I doubt the Senators.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
MARSEILLES.

22nd December, 1946

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P.P.E 12500/1106/31

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5 JAN 1947

Dear Eastern Department,

We learn from a secret source that a statement has been issued in Genoa by the Committee for the Repatriation of Jewish Refugees to Palestine to the effect that when the next group of illegal Jewish immigrants sail for Palestine, they will be accompanied by four well-known reporters from British and American newspapers, two United States Senators and a camera-man who will witness their arrival in Palestine.

It is possible that you may have already received this information, but we are passing it on to you in case it has not yet come your way.

We are copying this letter to Paris and Genoa.

Yours ever,

Marseilles. 

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Registry Number E113/48/31.

FROM G. Vercher

No. Montevideo

Dated 207

Received in Registry 19 Dec 1946.

3 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Uruguayan Vises.

Refer Montevideo despatch 199 of 29/11
E12136/4656/31. Replying to F.O. Tel 36.
Saving (E10454/4656/31) the case of visas.
Now informs all consular officers in Europe
are allowed to issue visas, providing prior
authorisation is obtained from Montevideo.

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BY AIR BAG ("B.S.A.A.")



No. 207.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
MONTEVIDEO.

19th December, 1946.

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5 JAN 1947

Sir, 12186/7654/2

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 199 of November 28th, replying to the enquiry contained in your telegram No. 36 Saving (E.10454/7656/31) of the 4th November last, and to report that I have now been notified by the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the effect that all Uruguayan Consular Officers in Europe are authorised to grant visas, provided that prior authorisation for each visa is obtained from Montevideo. The only cases where reference to Montevideo is not necessary are those of nationals of Republics on the American Continent desirous of travelling to Uruguay for a temporary visit. In the case of foreigners, whatever may be their nationality, who desire to proceed to Uruguay for permanent residence, only career Consular Officers may transmit applications to Montevideo.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

The Right Honourable

Clement Attlee, M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.,

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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Registry Number E114/48/31
FROM British Legation
No. SAN JOSE.
Dated 7/1
Received in Registry 10 Dec 1946.
3 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Costa Rican Visas.
Refers to 15 Savings of 4th Nov 10454 / 7654/31. Gives Regulations governing issue of Costa Rican Visas. All Costa Rican Consuls in Europe may issue visas (including collective visas) after each individual has been accepted for entry.

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BRITISH LEGATION

San José, Costa Rica.

December 10th, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram No.15 Saving of the 4th of November regarding the regulations governing immigration into Costa Rica, and to report as follows.-

2. All applications for an immigration visa have to be submitted in full detail to the Migration Department of the Ministry of Public Security by the Costa Rican Consular Officers to whom the application is in the first place addressed.

3. There are no specific regulations with regard to the entry of Jews, refugees or stateless persons, and the decision as to the admittance of such persons into Costa Rica rests with the Migration Department of the Ministry of Public Security, each case being treated on its own merits. Collective visas may, however, be authorised for refugees after each individual member of the group has been accepted for entry, but such individual members would, in addition, receive a personal entry card.

4. All Costa Rican Consular Officers in Europe are stated to have authority to grant visas, but for purposes of permanent residence in Costa Rica no visa may be issued without reference to the Department of Public Security in San José. Even for a temporary stay for purposes of business or pleasure, British subjects are the only Europeans entitled to receive the new combined visa and passport for limited residence, the details of which are given in my letters of the 7th and 10th of December addressed to the Passport Control Department.

5. A list of Costa Rican Consular Officers was enclosed in my letter of October 29th addressed to the Library of the Foreign Office.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant

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H.M.Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Consul General Marseilles 4 Dated 2 Jan Received 4 Jan.		Refs to Marseilles to 3 (E 11943 / 7656 / G) Reports movements of the Ula.	
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E 73		We can get no check on "Lyte Palavas" or "Cufonia". I can't quite see the first as a port in the I. of France.	
References.		I will ^{suggest} that Paris take this up with the French authorities again.	
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General
No. 4

D. 6.40 p.m. 2nd January, 1946

2nd January, 1947 R. 7.25 a.m. 3rd January, 1946

Repeated to: Paris No. 3

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My telegram No. 3 to Foreign Office.

It is reported that the Ulua will call at Syte Palavas
and La Ciotat to embark Jews prior to sailing for
Cufonisia Island south east of Crete to disembark
non Jewish crew. Ship said to be armed with four
machine guns mounted below deck.

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His Majesty's Consul General.
No.8.

D. 5.55 p.m. 6th January, 1947

6th January, 1947. R. 7.55 p.m. 6th January, 1947

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My telegram No.4 to Foreign Office.

I learn from a reliable source Ulua has not yet called at the three ports mentioned.

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date Jan 8.

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repeat to
Consul General
Marseilles 5

Copy to C.O. Admin
M.I.S.

IMPORTANT.

Marseilles telegram No. 8 repeated
to you as No 7 [illegal immigrant
ship ULVA]

You should press French Government
to take all possible steps to examine
ship if she calls at ^{any} French
port ~~again~~ and if she is armed to
impound her.

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 Chancery, Paris
 to E. Dept
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 Dated 31 Dec
 Received 6 Jan.

Illegal immigration from Marseille
area
 Refs to Paris letter (E12229/4656/4)
 The note from French YFA about
 the ships "Archangelos", "Merica"
 and "Mina".

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DIRECTION DES CONVENTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVES ET SOCIALES.

Paris , le

No. CAS 1

Par une Aide-Mémoire en date du 13 de ce mois, l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique a bien voulu attirer à nouveau l'attention du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères sur le trafic illégal d'émigrants juifs à destination de la Palestine auquel seraient soupçonnés de pouvoir se livrer les bâtiments "Merica" et "Ulua" se trouvant actuellement dans le port de Marseille.

L'Ambassade signalait, en même temps, à l'attention du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères que l'"Ulua" de même que l'"Archangelos" sur lequel l'attention des autorités françaises compétentes a déjà été attirée de façon toute particulière, seraient également soupçonnés d'avoir embarqué des armes à son bord.

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, en accusant réception des indications qui précèdent, a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté que les autorités françaises compétentes ont déjà reçu communication de ces informations et qu'une surveillance particulièrement stricte est actuellement exercée sur ces deux navires. Des instructions ont été données, par ailleurs, à la direction Générale des Douanes afin qu'une inspection douanière soit effectuée incessamment à bord de l'"Archangelos" également soupçonné d'avoir pu recevoir un chargement clandestin de grenades.

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères n'a pas manqué de communiquer immédiatement à la connaissance des services français de contrôle, les renseignements contenus dans l'Aide-Mémoire précité de l'Ambassade, en insistant à nouveau afin que toutes dispositions nécessaires soient prises en vue d'éviter le départ de ces navires, aussi longtemps que leur utilisation pour des fins commerciales normales et ainsi que la vérification minutieuse de leur port de destination ait pu être effectuée par les services français compétents.

AMBASSADE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE, PARIS.

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 For 295/86/46
 Dated 31 Dec
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Illegal immigration into Palestine
 Refs to F.O. circular (E11423/7656/G)
 Ask if circular may be shown
 to PROSP & Intelligence divisions

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 Chaultt.
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 Mr Halford for confirmation

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 It is attached here from the
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Political Division,
H.Q., Control Commission for
Germany (B.E.)
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

31st December, 1946.

Dear John

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May we show your Top Secret circular of 16th December (E.11423/7656/G), about illegal immigration into Palestine, to the Prisoner of War and Displaced Persons Division and the Intelligence Division here? It is they who are most likely to get the information you require so far as Germany is concerned.

We cannot at present send copies to the Consulates-General at Frankfurt and Baden-Baden, or to the Consulate at Munich since these posts have as yet no facilities for the custody of top secret documents, nor have we any safe means of sending such documents to them.

Yours ever
Hilary Young

J.G.S. Beith Esq.,
Eastern Department,
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Illegal immigration from U.S.A

Lord Sverchape
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Dated 4 Jan
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Refs of F.O. to 35 (EY3/48/9)
Reports interview with Mr. Rymer
who did not hold out much hope
of being able to stop advertisements
about illegal immigration.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel,
No.45
4th January, 1946.

D. 5.44 p.m. 4th January, 1947.

R. 11.06 p.m. 4th January, 1947.

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Following for Secretary of State.

Your telegram No.35.

I spoke to Mr. Byrnes today in accordance with your instructions.

2. He was sympathetic but did not hold out much hope of being able to stop advertisements. The government had no legal means of preventing the newspapers from publishing advertisements if people were ready to pay for them and equally no means of stopping public reactions to advertisements in the shape of contributions to this cause or that. Funds to pay for Jewish immigration to Palestine were easily raised.

3. I told him that we had already more than once drawn the attention of his department to the fact that some of the advertisements carried a note saying that contributions were exempted from tax by a ruling of the United States Treasury, presumably on the ground that they are for charitable purposes. He agreed that if it could be shown that the appeals were not strictly for charitable purposes something could be done.

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5. He went on to say that he had not seen any advertisements calling for support of the underground movement in Palestine and of terrorism. We have of course drawn the attention of the State Department to all of these as and when they appeared and have urged them to take action, so far without result. I am making a collection which I shall take to Mr. Byrnes.

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TELEGRAM FROM
J.R.M. Bell
No. ASUNCION.

Dated 11 Saviny
Received in Registry } 20, Dec 1946
7 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Paraguayan Visa.
Refer 70 Oct 18 Saviny (E-10454/7656/11)
Inform. Particulars asked for, are contained
in Asuncion despatch 120 CAS 4999/2166/23
of Aug. 9. a list of Paraguayan consular
officials in Europe, authorized to issue
visas has been asked for

Last Paper.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM ASUNCION TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Fell
No. 11 SAVING

20th December, 1946. R. 2.45 p.m. 6th January, 1947.

... .. E-10404/7066/0

Foreign Office telegram No. 18 Saving of 4th
November re. immigration.

AS 4999/2166/33

My despatch No. 120 of 9th August last transmitted translation of decree-law 13979 of 6th June 1946 laying down new regulations for immigration to Paraguay. As regards your specific queries (a) article 1 (a) appears to cover the question of visa (b) see article 8 as regards groups of immigrants. The decree contains no reservation as regards races or religions prohibited from entry, though 80% of immigrants authorised must be agriculturists. (c) For some time we have been trying to obtain from the Paraguayan Government a list of their consular representatives. A request has been made pressing for a separate list of Paraguayan Consular officials in Europe authorised to grant visas.



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Command

7 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant, (Situation).

Cyprus tel No. 1. of Jan 2.

Giving weekly situation reports

20-27 Dec

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FROM CYPRUS (Acting Governor)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 2nd, January, 1947.

R. 2nd " " 15.15 hrs.

No.1.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine,
No.1.

Illegal immigrant Jews.

Situation report 20th - 27th December.

(a) Strength.

Increases 3 births.

(b) General.

- (i) 750 immigrants are due to leave for Athlit 29th December.
- (ii) Although immigrants transferred to winter quarters appreciate the superior comfort, they feel isolated and miss the excitement caused by new arrivals and departures for Palestine. Some difficulty is anticipated in persuading the next 2,000 to move to Dekelia.
- (iii) Camp leaders at Caraclos have submitted alternative ration scale, which has been forwarded through military channels (?to) General Headquarters.
- (iv) Cobban, Assistant Public Information Officer, Palestine, arrived 18th December and was given every facility inspect camps.

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(i) A.J.D.C. issuing two Cyprus stamps per head per mensem in addition to camp issue of one stamp.

(ii) Football match 22nd December between immigrants and camp staff produced good clean game, which was well attended.

(d) Medical.

Typhoid broke out among arrivals on 30th November. Inoculations were given promptly and epidemic is not anticipated.

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D. 6th January, 1947.

R. 6th " " 19.30 hrs.

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No. 4

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine,
No. 12.

Illegal Immigrant Jews.

Situation report 28th December to 2nd January.

(a) Strength.

Increases nil. Decreases 752 immigrants left for Athlit 29th December. Three more with immigration certificates went on ship. One having changed his mind returned to Greece 21st December on passport issued by Greek Consul.

(b) General.

(i) Three newreel cameramen representing Movietone, Pathe and Paramount arrived 28th December and sailed with immigrants next day. Although primary object of visit was to photograph release and embarkation, they took shots of the Camp from sentries' watch towers, in particular, of a big football match between immigrant teams. They did not enter the Camp.

(ii) Co-operation in Xylotymbou continues to be good. Destructiveness is almost nil apart from one attempt to burn down perimeter fence. Mobile bath unit provides hot showers pending completion of permanent installation.

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(iii) Winter clothing is still problem owing to expected stocks from military sources failing to arrive. Children's shoes in particular are short. Appreciable proportion of immigrants on release leave clad in made up Army blankets.

(c) Medical.

Scabies is widespread and temporary shortage of medical supplies makes treatment difficult.

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 20th January, 1947.
R. 20th " " 13.55 hrs.

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No. 24 Secret.

Addressed S. of S.
Repeated High Commissioner for Palestine No. 26.

Illegal immigrant Jews.

Situation Report 2nd January - 15th January.

(a) Strength. Increase of 2 births, total 8,262.

(b) General. Press visited Xylotymbou 7th January. Main complaints were on behalf of Sirine survivors and inadequacy of ration scale. Former problem has been referred by immigrants to Jewish Agency who have sent doctor Josephthal to investigate. It is now hoped that women and children will leave shortly for Palestine. Further 2,000 immigrants will be moved from Caraolos to Xylotymbou on 21st January. Their camp staff will move with them. One immigrant has been sentenced to two months imprisonment by Larnaca District Court for escaping from camp.

(c) Medical. Supplies still short.

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 23rd January, 1947.

R. 23rd " " 14.30 hrs.

No. 30

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine,
No. 30.

My secret telegram No. 24 (No. 26 to Palestine).
Illegal immigrants.

2,000 immigrants, whom it was proposed to transfer 21st January to winter quarters at Xylotymbou, refuse to move on the grounds that their system of administration at Caraolos would be broken up and that winter conditions at Caraolos are not as inclement as they had anticipated. They express themselves willing to move as soon as winter accommodation for 4,000 is available. By then, numbers are expected to have left for Palestine and their organisation can move intact. In this connection, please refer to (b)(ii) of my telegram No. 1 of 2nd January. Reply to your secret telegram No. 32 (No. 117 to Palestine) follows.

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 24th January, 1947.
R. 24th " " "

14.30 hrs.

No. 33 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner Palestine,
No. 34 Secret.

Situation Report 16th January -- 23rd January.

- (a) Strength. Decrease of 2 (1 Italian was deported to Italy, 1 to Palestine on issue of certificate) total 8,263.
- (b) General. (i) The refusal of 2,000 to move to winter quarters at Xylotymbou has been reported separately.
- (ii) An escapee was captured almost immediately and sentenced by the District Court to 3 months imprisonment.
- (iii) It has been very wet week, but although surrounding area was flooded the camps have not fared badly.
- (c) Welfare. A handicraft exhibition was held at the camp. It displayed commendable ingenuity and dexterity.

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 4th February, 1947.
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14.05 hrs.

No. 51

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine,
No. 54.

Situation report 24th January - 31st January.

(a) Strength. Increase 15 births, decrease 1 death (an infant soon after birth). Total 8,279.

(b) Otherwise nothing to report.

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No. 62.

Situation Report 1st February - 12th February.

(a) Strength.

Increase of 651 immigrants arrived 11th February.
by EMPIRE HEYWOOD from ship MERICA. Disembarkation took
place in record time and order.

Decreases of 3 left for Palestine 5th February
with regular immigration certificates. Total 8,227.
It was hoped to despatch 750 for Athlit on 8th February
and 350 Sirine survivors and 48 special medical cases
yesterday. Departures have been postponed, first, pending
arrival of MERICA party and now on account of engine
trouble in EMPIRE HEYWOOD.

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13.10 hrs.

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Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine,
No. 71.

Situation Report 13th February - 18th February.

(a) Strength increases - 9 births.
Decreases 750 left for Athlit 14th February
together with 48 chronic cases for hospital in Palestine.
One middle-aged female died in military hospital from
advanced pulmonary tuberculosis.

Total strength is 8,137.

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Situation report 19th February to 26th February.

(a)

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(a) Strength. There have been 11 births and 804 immigrants arrived 18th February from immigrant ship HERUTH by EMPIRE RIVAL. Decreases 346 women and children survivors from SIRINA left for Palestine next day on same ship. Total 8,606.

(b) General. Arrangements have been made to concentrate all parents with children in one camp, and all young people in another with special educational facilities at (~~the~~ group).

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Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to High Commissioner for
Palestine, No. 95.

Situation Report 27th February to
6th March.

- (a) Strength. Increase 2 births, decrease infant died soon after birth. Total 8,607.
- (b) General. Shelmo ben Israel, correspondent American Jewish Daily "Forward", visited camp 25th February and expressed satisfaction with conditions.
- (c) Welfare. Separate report on general position follows by mail.

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Lord Inverchapel D. 11. 26 p.m. 7th January, 1947.
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Repeated to Consul-General New York,
Tegucigalpa,
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IMMEDIATE

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E 72/4815

My telegram No. 7378 and your telegram No. 148.

Following particulars of "Abril" have been provided
by Honduras Ambassador here.

(Begins)

Motor twin screw built at Keil Gaarden Germany
year 1930 tonnage gross 753 net 407 owner Tyne Shipping
Company 233 Broadway New York Alex Wolf, President.
Julian A. Licht. Captain Robert R. Clay.

Dimensions length overall [grp. undec: ? 172 or 199]
feet 4 inches breadth 30 feet draft 11 feet 2 inches.

Engines diesel 1000 h.p. each.

Registered. Under Honduras flag on December 23rd
1946 sailed December 24th 1946 for Marseilles, France.

Purchased from United States Maritime Commission on
December 16th 1946 previous name Cythera (PY 31) steel
yacht. Note Dr. Irving Shand [grp. undec.] of 745
5th Avenue was party who made all arrangements for
registration under Honduras flag and also engaging
members of the crew.

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2. Honduras Ambassador should not (repeat not)
be quoted as source of this information.

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20th January, 1947.

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Please refer to our telegram No. 4 of January 10th to Tegucigalpa, about the Jewish illegal immigrant vessel "Abril", and Marseilles telegram No. 17 to the Foreign Office. I now send you herewith copies of earlier telegraphic correspondence with Washington about this vessel, which will give you further background. We have not yet had a reply from Tegucigalpa about the suggestion that the Honduran registry of the vessel should be cancelled. If this is done, it will of course strengthen our hands to a certain extent. In any case, it is important that we should be kept advised of any further developments regarding the "Abril", which has so far apparently been carrying volunteers for "Hebrew repatriation". It remains to be seen whether she now attempts to embark actual illegal immigrants from a French port.

(Signed) J.G.S. BEITH

G.E. Millard, Esq.

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Illegal Immigration, (Costa Rican Visa)

Refers Budapest letter 126/50/46 (E 11826/7656/21) of Nov 22. Transmits copies of letter from M. Teller to Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and M. Ronaldo Falconer who is Costa Rican C.G. Resignate in Amsterdam.

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I suppose there is no objection to our forwarding the letters either by air mail or air by whichever is quickest.

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British Political Mission in Hungary,

Budapest.

January 3rd, 1947.

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Dear Department,

With reference to our letter No. 126/50/46 of 22nd November last, we transmit herewith copies of letters from Mr. Josef Tellery to the Costa Rican Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Ronaldo Falconer (a British subject by birth, Costa Rican by naturalisation) who is Costa Rican Consul General Designate at Amsterdam.

2. These letters will bring the story of the Costa Rican visas up to date as far as it is known in Budapest. It is clear that Mr. Tellery thinks that the Jewish emigrés have in some way used the letter which he gave in 1944, though it is difficult to see how a letter addressed to the Roumanian Red Cross stating that in the event of the bearers wishing to continue their journey onwards from Roumania they would be obliged to apply to Mr. Tellery for the necessary documents, could be construed into a visa for Costa Rica.

3. Mr. Tellery is very anxious that these letters shall reach their addressees as soon as possible. He states that recent experience of the ordinary mail has shown him that letters take anything from 2 to 3 months and there is no airmail service from Hungary. We should, therefore, be glad if you could see your way to posting these letters by airmail from London or to forwarding them by air-bag provided there is one in the very near future. Mr. Tellery thinks that Mr. Falconer is leaving Costa Rica at the end of January.

4. There have been no further developments as a result of enquiries into the activities of Mr. Ehrenfeld.

5. We are sending a copy of this letter and its enclosures to San Jose, Bucharest and Moscow.

Yours ever,

Chancery. *Y*

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Budapest, 2nd January, 1947.

My dear Falconer,

Enclosed you will find a copy of my report addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in C.R. The report speaks for itself and was in reply to a letter received from the C. Rican Foreign Office. I am dreadfully sorry that complications arose out of an act of pure sympathy but the audacity of these jews in applying now to the authorities for a permission to land in C.R. and at the same time pretend to hold a visa from me, is astounding. I am sure, if they had any documents at their disposal, they would not have suspended their immigration schemes for years. I am now sorry to say that while the German and arrow-cross reign of terror prevailed in Hungary, many of us belonging to christian society, tried our best to rescue the life and property of the jewish population. In one case, for instance, I was lucky enough to save from confiscation millions worth of shares belonging to Mr. K. by having them transferred to my name. Hiding jewish property was a capital offence at this time and if government people had known about the transaction, nothing would have saved me from swinging for the fellow. What we got in return was often not even a "thank you" as in the case of Mr. K. for instance. On the other hand by such actions the policy of the arrow-cross Gov. could be resisted successfully. However, unlike to the representatives of the foreign powers in Budapest, I refused to give a visa or passport even in cases of emergency. Therefore I hope that the Minister, should he not approve humanitarian motives, will at least accept my explanations, and take into consideration that the Government principles with regard to visas, passports and immigration were strictly observed by me. There are many things I should like to talk over with you personall and hope to be able to do so when you come to Europe next year. Until then, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Tellery.

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Joseph Tellery
Vilma kiralyno ut 32,
Budapest.

Budapest, 2nd January, 1947.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your instructions of 9th December, 1946 Nr. 3437/H
I beg to inform you as follows.

In the autumn of the year 1944 the jewish population in Hungary applied in masses to the representatives of foreign powers in Budapest for protection against the cruelties and often wholesale massacres committed by the Germans and the arrow-cross Government in Hungary. To save them from extermination the Swiss, Swede and Spanish Legations functioning in Budapest also during the war, provided the jews up to a certain quota with provisionary visas, passports and letters of protection. I was also approached at this time by the representative of a certain group of jews for a visa. Although it was a case of emergency, I refused to comply with their request. However, to help them escape persecutions, on the advise of Mr. Parkas, counsellor at the Spanish Legation, I agreed to hand them a letter addressed to the Roumanian Red Cross, in which I have stated that in case they wished to continue their journey from Roumania they would have to apply to me for the necessary documents. The object in view, when giving this letter, was to enable these refugees to cross the Hungarian frontier and by reaching in adjacent Roumania the Russian zone of occupation escape further persecutions. To accomplish this end there was no need for a visa to Costa Rica nor for any immigration documents. All these were flatly refused and besides they had been told definitely that on no account would they be furnished with such documents in the future either. Therefore this group of jewish persons was not in a position to produce a rightful visa or passport nor a prolongation of their passport to justify a claim for admittance in Costa Rica and if they are in a possession of such documents, they are certainly not from me.

May I be permitted on this occasion to state that according to the instructions received, I refused all applications for a visa or passport during all the time I had the honour to represent the Government of Costa Rica and it happened only in one instance during the war that in December, 1943 I prolonged the passport of a Costa Rican Family consisting of five members and this with the knowledge and on the consent of the Hungarian Foreign Office.

I assure you I shall always be glad to be at your service in the future and beg to remain

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Joseph Tellery

Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores
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Budapest, 15th December, 1946.

My dear Falconer,

Thanks for your letter of 11th October. It reached me only to-day, exactly two months after it has been posted by you. I note what you say about my being reinstated as consul of Costa Rica and thank you ever so much for the trouble in inducing them to put me on the list again. It goes, of course, without saying that I was delighted to receive the glad tidings and especially so, as I am fully aware of the advantages offered by such an appointment. You may rest assured that I always took care never to undertake anything inconsistent with the position of a consul.

Re profits, all I can say is that I never looked upon my position from a financial point of view. Before the war broke out I was promoted to the position of a manager and as one of the directors of the biggest bank in Hungary I was fairly well off, materially independent and my prospects during the war were still more promising. Conditions, of course, since Russians keep this country occupied changed considerably. Depreciation or rather inflation of our currency, which was far worse than the one in Germany after the first war, made life still more miserable. At this critical time, after 40 years of service, I was put on the retired list and my pension, which would have afforded a comparative luxury before the war, now dwindled down to an almost vanishing point. It will of course be still sufficient to keep soul and body together but hardly more than that. My old flat with all its luxuries was completely destroyed by fire during the war and it is only by sheer luck that I was offered an elegant flat last year (in the house of my wife's uncle). The house is situated in fashionable quarters of the city and I am glad to say it is also in every respect adequate to the requirements of a consul's office. Discussing the question how far war has affected the livelihood of masses and also of each individual's I have come to the point of making you acquainted with an extraordinary and most annoying discovery which I have made quite recently. Namely the other day I met a physician, a fellow I have never seen before and during the course of our conversation, he was referring to a friend of his, a gentleman by the name of Mr. Ehrenfeld, who was supposed to have represented Costa Rica in Budapest. On my having enlightened him as to who the real consul in Budapest was, he insisted obstinately and told me he had seen Mr. Ehrenfeld's documents which proved to him conclusively that Mr. Ehrenfeld was the lawful representative of Costa Rica in Budapest. In spite of the Doctor's assertions, his story seemed to me incredible to such an extent that I refused to believe him and as soon as I had left him, I chucked the whole tale as a most absurd supposition out of my mind. Shortly after this, however, a Costa Rican family consisting of 5 members applied to me for the prolongation of their passport. While in Budapest they were under my protection and in spite of German persecution, thanks to the help and courtesy of our Foreign Office, they could live here peacefully and unmolested. Wishing to assist them now in their endeavours to make their passports valid again, I have called on the English Minister at the British Political Mission in Budapest in the hope that he might be able to suggest some means by which their passports could be prolonged. The Minister's Secretary proposed Lisbon as the nearest Costa Rican Consulate and while thus discussing the matter he asked whether I had given any visa during the war. I told him I had instructions received through the Consulate General in Hamburg not to give any visa and therefore all applications for a visa were flatly refused by me. This reminded me, however, of the Doctor's tale and I related the whole thing to him. This happened about three weeks ago but shortly after my visit at the Legation I received a letter from the Secretary which reads as follows: 121/41/46. Dear Mr. Tellery, With reference to our conversation during your recent visit I should be very much interested to learn whether you have been able to discover anything about the gentleman who is said to hold himself out as Costa Rican representative. You may remember that you told me you were proposing to make enquiries about this and you would be kind enough to let me know the result. Yours sincerely J. M. Walsh. I was getting annoyed myself about this unexpected news re this pseudo-consul and made up my mind to do some detective work and find out all about the fellow. I set to work at once and the result was that according to Alexander Ehrenfeld, his brother, Desider Ehrenfeld, was functioning in Budapest as Consul of C.R. up to the end of the year 1944. And once the fact established, who knows whether he has not given any visa or passport? I have not the slightest idea how far this fellow ventured to carry his fraudulent action. At present my source of information consists of the alleged consul's brother, Alexander Ehrenfeld, the physician Dr. Geza Lang and the person I sent to A. Ehrenfeld to ask him whether

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he could get a visa to Costa Rica. I have already informed the English Minister of the result of my investigations and told him that I have reported the case to our Foreign Office as well, requesting him to hand over the case to the political department of our police headquarters, which they promised to do. If evidence will prove that these rumours are well founded, I have the full assurance of our Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Costa Rican Government will duly be informed by him. Since all these informations, however, are based so far only on hearsay I still hope that we are dealing with a false alarm. As for Aunt Vilma, I am sorry to inform you that she is now laid up in a hospital where she has been taken to about five weeks ago. However, in spite of a most careful nursing and the best of medical attentions, her health is continuously on the decline. Every time I go to see her I always find her getting weaker and as far as I can judge her condition, she is rapidly drawing to her end. Each time I go to the hospital she never fails to enquire after you and is always asking me whether I had any news from you. I don't think you ought to worry yourself any more about sending her a parcel or making her some remittances, for I am afraid, she will be gone long before your parcels could get here. She has never told me and I never asked her either what the matter was with her but last week I was told by some one, who is in the same ward with her that she is suffering of intestinal cancer (anus) and that her recovery is beyond all hopes. I am dreadfully sorry for this nice, intelligent and clever woman and above all, a good and reliable friend, whose premature death would be a deplorable loss to many of us. I am glad to say, however, that in the hospital she is well provided for. She herself is also perfectly satisfied with all she is getting there, praising the food, treatment, nursing and everything. She has been sent to this hospital by the so called American Joint/Jewish society for aiding destitutes and all the expenses incurred are naturally defrayed by this society.

I am glad to hear there is every hope of your coming to Europe next spring. Holland is a nice country and suppose far more agreeable at present than Germany. Once you are there I hope you will take up your old habits again and spend your holidays abroad. A bit of selfishness makes me say this for it would give me great pleasure if we could possibly pass our holidays next year together on my wife's farm in the country. Since I am pensioned, I can freely dispose of my time and not like before the war, when I am sorry to say, I hardly had any time for you during your stay in Budapest on account of my long office hours. As Mrs. V. has already informed you I have met with an accident on 3rd July. I slipped on a staircase and broke my leg in four places. It was a very severe fracture and though four months passed since it happened, I am still under medical treatment and have to use a stick when walking even to-day. But there is all the same an improvement in my general condition. I am answering your letter by return of post but considering that overseas postal deliveries are exceedingly slow now-a-days I am sending a copy of this to your brother as well, in case this should not reach you before you leave. Hoping to hear from you soon and wishing you a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am sincerely yours. Tellery.

P.S. Just after having finished my letter I received the sad news that Mrs. Kaufmann died last night, on 14th December in the hospital. I was told that she fell asleep and never woke again. Passed away peacefully without any suffering. Please note my new address: VI. Vilma Kiralyno ut 32.

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2 letters
to
San Jose Consulate,
from
E. Dehl

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Dear Consulate,

We enclose a copy of a letter from
Budapest Consulate regarding the
alleged issue of Costa Rican visas to potential
Jewish illegal immigrants.

Would you please pass the
enclosed letters to their destinations.

Yours ever,
Easter Dehl

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

15th January, 1947.

(E.284/48/31).

Dear Chancery,

We enclose a copy of a letter from Budapest Chancery regarding the alleged issue of Costa Rican visas to potential Jewish illegal immigrants.

Would you please pass the enclosed letters to their destinations.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

The Chancery,
British Legation,
San José.

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9 JAN 1947
DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper.
No. 5 SAVING.
January 4th, 1947. R. 4.35.p.m. January 8th, 1947.

Repeated to Marseilles No. 1 Saving.

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Your telegram No. 11 Saving and Marseilles
No. 4 to the Foreign Office.

We have spoken strongly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pointing out that, in spite of the assurance contained in the French Note of December 19th (Chancery letter to Eastern Department 41/283/46 of December 31st) that these vessels would be kept under strict supervision, we had heard nothing since that date from the French either as to their movements or as to the result of the search for arms. Now we had learnt that the "Ulua" had left to embark her passengers at various points, amongst others at Palavas, a Jewish camp to which we had recently drawn the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' attention. We had also heard that the "Merica" had left for La Ciotat. Moreover the "Yolla", which was a vessel of the same type as the "Ulua", was reported to have embarked Jews at La Ciotat, in spite of the instructions alleged to have been given that this and other camps on Mediterranean coast should be closed.

2. While our information was still subject to confirmation there was little doubt that the position was as unsatisfactory as before. We were particularly concerned at the absence of news of the results of the various enquiries being conducted by the French authorities into these Jewish activities.

3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs were inclined as usual to blame the Ministry of the Interior for their failure to implement the undertakings given by the French Government and their slowness in conducting investigations. We have since been informed by telephone that the search they promised was carried out on the "Archangelos" and that nothing was found. No search seems to have been made on board the "Ulua". Ministry of Foreign Affairs say that the latter vessel left Marseilles ostensibly for Le Havre, without passengers, and that the French Government have no power to stop vessels leaving for

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legal destinations. They maintain however that "Ulua" will still be kept under observation if she calls at another French port. A further reply in writing has been promised.

4. It is clear that we are at present making no progress in this matter and that in spite of the French Government's undertakings, illegal departures are taking place as before. We should be grateful for confirmation of arrival in Palestinian waters of "Yella" or any other illegal emigration ship from France, to enable us to make official protest.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]

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Dated

8 Jan 1947

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10 Jan 1947

Transmits B.O. to H/C Palestine No 6.
Refers Palestine Ct 1991 of Nov 28 and
1998 (E11634/7656/51) of Nov 29, discussing
problems arising from the deportation to
Cyprus or elsewhere of illegal immigrants
with Palestine. Encloses memo by B.O. Legal Adviser.

Last Paper.

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Legal Adviser

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
W. S. 1.

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8th January, 1947.

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NO. 6

THE HONORABLE

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of legal problems arising from the deportation to Cyprus or elsewhere of persons attempting to enter Palestine in contravention of the laws regarding immigration, to which reference was made in the High Commissioner's Top Secret telegram No. 1991 of 28th November, 1946 and No. 1998 of 29th November. I have consulted my legal advisers on these problems in the light of the judgment given in the Supreme Court of Palestine in the case of *Hamit V. The Chief Secretary and Others*, which found the enclosure to the High Commissioner's saving telegram No. 1801, and enclose a memorandum by them on this subject.

2. In the view of my legal advisers the chances of a successful defence to any action are good. No legislation short of an act of the Imperial Parliament could satisfactorily and fully cover the point at issue. The introduction of a Bill of this kind would be for practical reasons out of the question and in the view of my legal advisers unnecessary. I should be glad

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to have my comments which your advisors may
care to make on the matter.

I am sending a copy of this despatch
to the Governor of Cyprus.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
servant,

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THE DEPORTATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

1. Although the decision of the Supreme Court of Palestine in *Funt v. the Chief Secretary and others* disposes of the question of the validity of the action taken by the naval authorities in the territorial waters of Palestine, the further question may arise of the validity of the transport of the immigrants on the high seas. This question might be raised either on an attempt to bring habeas corpus proceedings in respect of detention on the high seas (though this seems unlikely) or on an action for false imprisonment, and such proceedings or such an action might be brought in either case in Palestine or some other court.

2. The first line of defence in such proceedings would be that, as was evidently the opinion of the court in the *Funt* case, there is actually no detention or false imprisonment. The deportees are simply placed on a ship and carried in it out of the jurisdiction on to the high seas. The action of placing them on the ship, necessitating their landing in practice at a particular port, is covered by the Palestine legislation and the decisions cited in the judgment of the Supreme Court. To these decisions may be added the following:-

Rex v. the Home Secretary, ex parte the Duke of Chateau Thierry, 1917, 1 K.B. 922;

Attorney-General for Canada v. Gain, 1906, Appeal Cases 542; and

In Re Adam, 1837, 1 Moore Privy Council 460.

3. Some further degree of restraint may be imposed on the deportees other than that which is involved in the sheer physical impossibility of leaving the vessel when on the high seas (this being covered by the first line of defence). The exact degree of further restraint placed upon the deportees in transit to Cyprus is not clear, and the judgment of the Supreme Court was not concerned with a state of facts in which such further restraint was involved, the Court having held that there was no sufficient evidence before it that the deportees would suffer any more restraint than the restriction of liberty incidental on a ship, whether it be the Queen Mary or a ship of His Majesty's Navy, whilst it is on the high seas proceeding to a definite port. If, however, authority were needed to justify such further restraint supposing that evidence of it was available the principle of common law might be invoked that a master may take such steps in this direction (that is to say in placing passengers or members of the crew under restraint) as are necessary to ensure order on board and the safety of the ship.

4. If forcible detention beyond the limits envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should be proved, a third defence is available in the doctrine of an Act of State. This doctrine is a difficult one, and uncertain in its operation, but it is considered that there would be a good chance of success here. The principle is that an act which is committed in territory not/

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not being part of the dominions of the Crown and which is adopted as an official act cannot form the basis of any action by an alien in the courts, because the act is done by the Crown in the sphere of foreign affairs, in which sphere its prerogative is absolute. The leading case is *Byron v. Denman*, 1848 2 Ex 167. Other cases in which Acts of State have been considered are *Salaman v. Secretary of State for India*, 1906, 1 K.B. 613; *Rex v. Crewe ex parte Sekgome*, 1910, 2 K.B. 576; *Sobhuza II v. Miller*, 1926, Appeal Cases 518. There is no direct authority on the question whether a British ship is part of the dominions of the Crown for this purpose, but if it should be argued that it is, reference may be made to recent observations by English judges to show that a British ship on the high seas is not to be deemed for all purposes to be a floating portion of British territory - *Chung Chi Cheung v. The King*, 1939, Appeal Cases, 160; *Rex v. Gordon Finlayson*, 1944, 1 K.B. 141.

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Mr MacRae
Ciudad Trujillo
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Dated 9 Jan
Received 10 Jan.

Request by Mr Somers for Dominican visas for 1200 visas for European Jews.

Reports request by Mr Somers who asked President to issue 1000 visas to European Jews who would go to Palestine although their declared destination would be Dominican Republic.

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10 JAN 1947
DEPARTMENTAL NO.1

FROM CIUDAD TRUJILLO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. MacRae.
No.7

D. 6.04 p.m. 9th January, 1947

9th January, 1947. R. 1.45 a.m. 10th January, 1947

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TOP SECRET

Secretary of Presidency asked me to see him today and conveyed personal message from President. He informed me that Andrews Somers United States Congressman when visiting this capital last year asked the President to agree to issue 1200 visas to European Jews who would go to Palestine although declared destination the Dominican Republic. President refused but recently Somers' representative arrived and pressed the request for visas. President again refused but has now received telegram from Somers pretending to believe visas were promised. President declares that no such visas have been granted and that strict orders have again been issued to Dominican representatives abroad to refuse although all possible tricks are tried. President declared the desire to show sympathy and friendliness with Great Britain, and disgust at the suggested prostitution of his country's good name. I expressed thanks but stated that from my knowledge of the President I would not have expected any other action. Exact copy of text of Somers' telegram follows in my next. I hope some special expression of thanks can be made to the President particularly in view of Somers' open attempt at bribery and implied threat in conversation that United States opinion would be influenced against the President if he refused. Dominican visas for illegal Jewish emigrants may thus be considered forgery.

*repeated to Washington as telegram No 361
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 Dated 9 Jan
 Received 10 Jan.

Illegal immigration
 Refs to W'lon III (E 274/48/G)
 Reports that Honduran Ambassador
 has suggested that his Govt might
 be willing to withdraw Honduran
 registration of SS. Abri while it is
 at Marseilles.

Last Paper.
 E 342

(Minutes.)
 This paper has been badly delayed
 and only reached me with pp. on
 Mar. 10. The "Abri" has now
 arrived in Palestine waters.

References.

As regards removing
 the Honduran flag, I propose
 to take this ^{general question} ~~matter~~ up separately.
 I do not entirely agree with
 the last sentences of Mr Bennett's
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel.
No.165

D. 9.22 p.m. 9th January, 1947

9th January, 1947. R. 2.45 a.m. 10th January, 1947

Repeated to Tegucigalpa
Jerusalem
(Saving) New York, Consul General.

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My telegram No.111.

Honduras Ambassador has suggested to me privately that his Government might be willing to withdraw Honduras registration of this vessel while it is at Marseilles.

2. I suggested that action might be taken at Tegucigalpa (see paragraph 3 of my telegram No.7378) reinforced by a request from me to Honduras Ambassador here.

3. Source of this suggestion should of course not be mentioned.

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Registry Number E378/48/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

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E. G.
Abbeville
N° 12.
9 Jan 1947
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Illegal Immigration.

Refer #0 tel 11 Savery (E12453/7656/31)
to Paris. Informant according to information
camp has not been used since November.
Immigrants were presumably taken in lorries
from another camp where about at present
unknown.

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G.B.H. Woods. Identity
L. Smith ~
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul
No. 12 D. 3.25 p.m. 9th January 1947.

9th January 1947. R. 5.25 p.m. 9th January 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 13

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E12455-7654/31

Your telegram No. 11 Saving addressed to Paris
paragraph 2.

According to our information camp has not been
used since November. Immigrants were presumably
taken in lorries from another camp whereabouts at
present unknown.

[Copy sent to M.E. Secretariat].

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11 Jan

E 381 /48/31.

Request of Mr Somers to obtain Dominican visas for illegal immigrants

Mr Macrae
Ciudad Trujillo
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Dated 10 Jan
Received 11 Jan

Repe to Ciudad Trujillo (E342/48/P)
Gives text of telegram from Mr A.L. Somers and states that Mr J. Chapiro offered large bribe in order to obtain visas.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Please enter white.

I think we might send some expression of thanks to be made to President Trujillo [but add in it that of course our U.S. Congress men has no business to be interfering in the affairs of Palestine in this way.]

Some suitable complaint might also be made in Washington.

N. A. Dept.

Chapiro.
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This is a fantastic story, whether it is fact or fiction founded on fact. In any case I doubt whether any further thanks are called for, beyond those already expressed by Mr Macrae.

I also think it would be better not to make any complaint in Washington, as we cannot be sure of the facts. ~~and the only real right to~~
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But I think we should ask Washington for their observations.

[Signature]
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I think that M. Macrae might be asked to take the next opportunity he gets - but not to make one - to let Pres. Trujillo know that we do appreciate his attitude. By Central American standards he has acted very nobly.

I do not doubt that this story is true, but we haven't enough legal proof to make a complaint. But in asking W. ton for their obs., I see no harm in authorizing them to use it unofficially if they feel they can do so with advantage.

[Signature]
(signed) F. B. A. Rundall 15/1

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM CIUDAD TRUJILLO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Macrae
No. 9

D. 3.32 p.m. 10th January, 1947

10th January, 1947

R. 9.48 p.m. 10th January, 1947

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TOP SECRET

My telegram No. 7. E/G

Following is exact copy of telegram referred to.

Addressed to Paino Pichardo Secretary of State to
President of Ciudad Trujillo.

[Begins]

Accept my warmest thanks for kind reception given to my representative Mr. Joseph Sharfsin and for your country's gracious offer to aid Hebrew refugees by placing 1,200 visas at our disposal on basis you proposed. Please send 1,050 visas to Paris to be made available for my representative there who will bear credentials from Z. Please send remaining 150 visas to Washington available to me or my accredited representative. When credit for humanitarian aid is given I shall see to it that your country and your Gracious President receive their full share. If it is agreeable to you I hope to arrange for a group of my Congressional colleagues to visit your beautiful country as soon as schedule of Congressional business permits. Signed Andrews L. Somers M.C.

[Ends]

As offer had not been made, Dominican authorities consider this as threat that political campaign against Trujillo will be intensified if he refuses to join in this beastly traffic in human misery. No doubt the matter was discussed with special Argentine Mission which has just left. I understand Sharfsin offered large bribes.

Foreign Office please repeat to Washington.

[Repeated to Washington telegram No. 352]

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CIUDAD TRUJILLO

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Your telegram No 7 [of Jan 9, U.S.
Congressman's request to Dominican Presi-
dent to grant visas to laws]

Agree that you should

Please take next suitable opportunity,

(but ~~do not~~ make one specifically), to let
know that ~~express~~ President Trujillo of H. 1764

appreciates his attitude.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CIUDAD TRUJILLO

No. 5

D.12.05 p.m. 17th January, 1947

16th January, 1947.

Repeated to Washington, No. 491

TOP SECRET

Your telegram No. 7 [of January 9th. United States Congressman's request to Dominican President to grant visas to Jews].

I agree that you should take next suitable opportunity, (but not make one specially), to let President Trujillo know that His Majesty's Government appreciate his attitude.

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Ciudad Tonjillo telegrams Nos 7
which is being repeated to you &
9 [of Jan 9 U.S. Congressman's
request to Dominican President to
grant visas to Jews]

I should be grateful for your
comments. While we ^{would} do not
appear to ~~have enough ground~~ ^{be on firm enough ground}
~~proof~~ to make ^{a formal} ~~any~~ complaint
^(make unofficial)
You may use of this report ~~too~~
^(and so with)
~~officially~~ if you ~~see any~~ ^{advantage}.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 493

January 16th, 1947. D. 12.40 a.m. January 17th, 1947.

Repeated to Ciudad Trujillo No. 6.

SSSSS

TOP SECRET

Ciudad Trujillo telegrams Nos. 7 which is being repeated to you and 9 [of January 9th United States Congressman's request to Dominican President to grant visas to Jews].

I should be grateful for your comments. While we would not appear to be on firm enough ground to make a formal complaint you may make unofficial use of this report if you can do so with advantage.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat]

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